

Application No. 09/902,529
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REMARKS

In response to an Office Action mailed on December 16, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the above-listed Amendments be entered and the application be reconsidered.

Amendments to the Specification

Applicant thanks the Examiner for pointing out portions of the specification that were not corrected by the September 23, 2003 response filed by the Applicant and pointing out that the proposed substitute drawing (Fig. 3) does not appropriately highlight the proposed changes.

On pages 2, 3 and 4, the specification has been amended to include headings, such as --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--, as requested by the Examiner.

On page 5, line 6, the specification has been amended to insert --(not shown)-- after "alternative embodiment," as suggested by the Examiner. "[P]iece 6" has been amended to --insert 8-- to correct a typographic/clerical error. This amendment clarifies the recitation, as requested by the Examiner.

The paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6 has been amended to use reference numerals 8', 8a', 8b', 8f' and 8g' to conform to amendments made to Fig. 3 and as suggested by the Examiner. In addition, reference numeral 7 has been amended to 7', since it, too, represents a modified version of a feature described with reference to Fig. 2.

Fig. 3 has been amended, as described above, as suggested by the Examiner. The proposed changes are circled with "cloud" shapes to highlight them. An annotation in the form of the word

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"Amendments" in a cloud shape and arrows leading to each proposed change are used to call out the proposed changes.

No new matter has been added.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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